

Application No.: 09/997570

Case No.: 57002US002

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-26 are pending. Claims 2 to 4 have been canceled. Claims 6-8, 11, 13, 15-21 and 23-26 have been withdrawn from consideration.

§ 102 Rejections

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Wenger '077.

Please cancel claim 14.

Other

Please cancel claims 6-8, 11, 13, 15-21 and 23-26.

Interview Summary

Applicants and their attorney thank Examiner Chin for the phone interview with Applicants' attorney, Melanie Gover, on October 6, 2004, during which proposed amendments to claim 14 were discussed.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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